

WILD Kids



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Schoolyard Wildlife

Did you know you share your schoolyard with wildlife?

Because there is food, water, shelter and space, there are animals living in your schoolyard, right now!

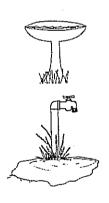
Take a close look around your schoolyard. Can you find the different kinds of food, water, and shelter for wildlife?

(Remember: don't get too close to wildlife, you may frighten them.)



Food

All animals need food.
Some eat plants and some eat other animals. How many different kinds of food for wildlife can you find on your schoolyard?



Water

Animals need water, too. They need it for drinking and for bathing. Find two places where wildlife could get water. Look for animal tracks nearby.



Shelter



Shelter can be a nest, a hole in the ground, or even a pile of rocks. How many different kinds of bird nests and other types of shelter can you find? Which animals use them?

Space

How much space do animals need? Enough to find food, raise young, and escape predators. Insects may need little space, but hawks need much more. Name an animal in your schoolyard that needs a small amount of space and one that needs a lot of space.

Draw some animals you might find in this school yard. Where would each animal find food, water, and shelter? You can draw in some other types of food, water, and shelter as needed. Is there enough space for each animal? Color your picture.



Now, draw a picture of **your** schoolyard. Draw in some animals you might find, or some you have seen, in your schoolyard. Where do they find food, water, and shelter. What could you do to attract other types of wildlife to your schoolyard?